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TO: Members of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Stakeholder Advisory Group
FROM: Doug Domenech, Secretary of Natural Resources
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In an effort to make the best use of everyone's valuable time, and after consulting with Agriculture and Forestry Secretary Todd Haymore, I have reluctantly decided to postpone this Thursday's scheduled meeting of the SAG. You will be contacted in the near future about a possible new date.

I have recently learned that EPA has not yet finalized elements of the Bay model, and so we remain in a position of not knowing what our allocations will be and hence what levels of implementation are necessary to meet the allocations.

This is disappointing.

As was discussed at our last meeting, we submitted a preliminary list of practices (our "input deck"), however there have been some technical issues with those numbers that have not yet been resolved and we are currently working with EPA staff to resolve those issues. In short, the dates on which EPA committed to provide final numbers have slipped by a number of weeks and it is my judgment that your time would be best spent when our numbers are final and we can make informed decisions.

In order to assure that we maintain open and ongoing communication with each of you, I am asking agency staff to put together a more complete summary of the technical issues that need to be resolved and a realistic timeframe for their resolution. This information will be sent for your use in the near future.

For my part, I will be engaging in serious discussions with EPA and our partner states on the overall timeframe and expectations for this effort. As it currently stands, unless these model and other technical issues are resolved, the states and our stakeholders are being put in a nearly impossible position of meeting EPA's unrealistic deadlines.

Thank you for your participation in this effort and we will continue to work together in a manner that values your time and energy.

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